

TORONTO ATHENÆUM.

Rules of the Library.

I. The books purchased for, or presented to, this Library, shall be inalienable for any purpose whatsoever, excepting in the case of duplicates, which may be sold, and the proceeds applied to the purchase of other works.

II. Such books only shall be purchased as are of general and permanent interest.

III. The fee for the use of the Library shall be 10s. a year, payable to the Librarian half-yearly in advance.

IV. The Library shall be open at such times as the number of members using the same may warrant, in the following ratio :—

For the present, on Tuesday evenings, from seven to ten o'clock.

As soon as the fees amount to 25l., or fifty subscribers at 10s. each, on Tuesday and Friday evenings, from six to ten o'clock.

As soon as one hundred members subscribe, every evening from six to ten o'clock.

As soon as two hundred members subscribe, every day from three to ten o'clock, P. M.

And whenever the fees may amount to 150l., every day from nine, A. M., to ten, P. M.

V. The Library shall be divided into books of reference and circulation, the latter only to be taken away for perusal.

VI. A list shall be kept, in which persons may write the names of books they may wish added to the Library, for the consideration of the Council.

VII. No person shall be entitled to the privileges of the Library without producing (when required) his ticket to the Athenæum for the current year, nor unless all fees and fines be paid as soon as due.

VIII. No book to be taken out of the Library, exceeding the value of 10s. currency, unless a deposit be left with the Librarian to its value over that sum, as entered in the Librarian's book, under the direction of the Council; and not more than one volume to be taken out at a time.

IX. No person shall be permitted to retain any book in his possession for more than one week for a 24mo. or smaller volume, fourteen days for a 12mo., or twenty-one days for any larger size, on penalty of a fine of one halfpenny for each day it shall be so detained.—The period for keeping new books to be limited by the Council, according to the demand for their use.

X. All books to be returned to the Library without exception, on the second Tuesday in December, for the purpose of arrangement and inspection; subscribers detaining books after that period, to be liable to a fine of 2s. 6d. No book to be issued during the remainder of the month, on any account whatever.

XI. Any person losing a book, or returning a book to the Library in a damaged or imperfect condition, to pay for the same, or make good such damage, at the discretion of the Council.

XII. Any person lending a book out of his own house or family, to be liable to a fine of 2s. 6d., and on repetition, to be deprived of the privileges of the Library.

XIII. The Librarian to make a monthly return to the Council, of all infringements against the rules of the Library; and to be responsible for all damage and loss not so returned, or accounted for.

XIV. The magazines and periodicals not to be issued until the following numbers have been received, nor afterwards for more than three days at a time, under the same penalty as in section IX., excepting that persons may have the privilege of taking away a magazine within a quarter of an hour before the closing the Library, to be returned within a quarter of an hour of the next opening the Library, under a penalty of 7½d. for infraction.

XV. Subscribers to have the privilege of introducing visitors (not residents of Toronto,) to the Library, and a book for the reception of their names to be kept.

XVI. In applying for any book, the party shall hand to the Librarian a written memorandum, containing the name of the work, and his own name; such paper to be filed until such book be returned, and then handed back to the subscriber. No evasion of this rule will be permitted.

XVII. The Librarian shall keep a regular account of all books in his charge, their loan and return, as well as all fees received and fines incurred.

XVIII. Any member paying double the usual fee, may receive books in proportion.

XIX. The rules of the Library to be affixed to each book for circulation. No book to be re-issued to the person returning it, on the same day on which it is returned.

XX. Persons presenting donations of books to the value of 5l. or upwards, to be exempt from all Library fees.